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Applicant attaches copies of the listed documents. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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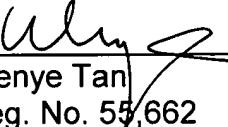
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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